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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BETSCHART ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/561,949

FILED: DECEMBER 22, 2005

FOR: MACROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS HAVING ASPARTIC PROTEASE
INHIBITING ACTIVITY AND PHARMACEUTICAL USES THEREOF

Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Heard, Thomas Sweeney

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 18, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 18, 2006. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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